

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94984

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Group Art Unit: 1795

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Examiner: Brent C. Thomas

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For: MICROPOROUS COMPOSITE MEMBRANE AND ITS PRODUCTION METHOD
AND USE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Chinese Office Action corresponding to Chinese Application No. 200480034190.3 dated January 8, 2010).

The concise explanation for the documents is the abstract of each document.

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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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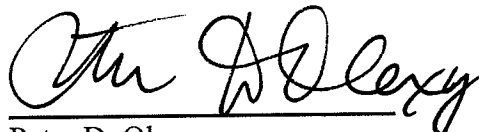
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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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